

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 comprising the further step of generating an output in response to the device information.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the encoded device instruction comprises destination information readable by the message broker.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the device instruction comprises device identification information.

7. (Amended) A remote control module operable to perform a method according to claim 1.

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 8 comprising the steps of receiving device information from the device, generating a message encoded in an Internet protocol comprising the device information and destination information, and transmitting the message to the message broker.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 8 wherein at least one of the device instructions and the message containing the device information are encoded in an Internet protocol comprising HTTP.

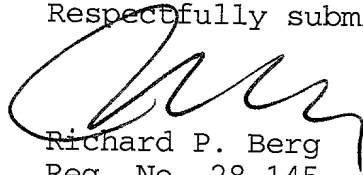
12. (Amended) A device control module operable to perform a method according to claim 8.

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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends Claims 3-7 and 10-12 so that these claims are no longer multiply dependent in order to reduce the official filing fees at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The Applicants may elect to amend Claims 3-7 and 10-12 to make them again multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

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3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the device instruction is generated in a Peripheral Meta Language (PML).
4. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1 comprising the further step of generating an output in response to the device information.
5. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1 wherein the encoded device instruction comprises destination information readable by the message broker.
6. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1 wherein the device instruction comprises device identification information.
7. (Amended) A remote control module operable to perform a method according to [any one of claims 1 to 6]claim 1.
10. (Amended) A method according to claim 8 [or claim 9] comprising the steps of receiving device information from the device, generating a message encoded in an Internet protocol comprising the device information and destination information, and transmitting the message to the message broker.

Appendix A

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11. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 8 to 10]claim 8 wherein at least one of the device instructions and the message containing the device information are encoded in an Internet protocol comprising HTTP.

12. (Amended) A device control module operable to perform a method according to [any one of claims 8 to 11]claim 8.

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